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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants are submitting herewith the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted concurrently with the application.

Each of the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 was cited or submitted in the parent application, U.S. Application No. 09/398,776, filed March 10, 1999.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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